

Rao Bahadur Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai : Yes.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai : Then may I know the reason for exempting these officers from the payment of income-tax ?

Rao Bahadur Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai : In the case of retired officers who reside outside India after retirement, their pension is subject to income-tax under the laws of the country where they reside.

Pay of clerks under the Standardisation Scheme.

127. ***Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) how many grades of pay have been allowed under the Standardisation Scheme for the clerks in the various departments of the State ;

(b) whether, after the introduction of the Standardisation Scheme, clerks are given personal pay ; if so, how many and why they are given ;

(c) whether there are any rules for absorbing these clerks who draw personal pay in the higher grades whenever vacancies occur there ;

(d) how many clerks having personal pay have been absorbed in the higher grades ; and

(e) whether there are any instances, in any department of the State where clerks from lower grades have been promoted to the higher grades when there are clerks drawing personal pay already in service ?

Rao Bahadur Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai : (a) Five Grades,

(b) Yes, Clerks are given personal pay so as to fit them against the standardised scales of pay. Information about the number of clerks getting personal scales of pay in the standardisation has been called for from Heads of Departments.

(c) No.

(d) and (e) The information has been called for.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai : With regard to part (c), may I know how long these clerks are to be given personal pay ?

Rao Bahadur Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai : Till vacancies, suitable for their absorption, arise.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai : Is it a fact that while these clerks were acting on personal pay, others below them were promoted to higher posts, although they had no permanent pay ?

Rao Bahadur Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai : Yes, as provided for under the rules.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai : With regard to the answer to parts (a) and (e), I have to submit a point for the consideration of the Chair. Sir, this is a question which I have been repeating ever since the beginning of this Council, so that the Government had ample time and opportunity to get the information I have asked for. Now, when after so many meetings, the question has been included in the agenda, they merely say "The information has been called for." That, I submit, is very unfair.

Rao Bahadur Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai : Every time the question is received, it is sent to the heads of departments for supplying up-to-date answers. That has been done now also and the answer has not yet been received from all heads of departments.

President : Mr. Paramesvaran Pillai, although the question might have been repeated five times, even at the fifth time the Government have got to see that up-to-date information is procured and furnished to the member, and not some old figures or other information got ready years ago.

Payment of pension.

128. * **Mr. J. John Kattakayam :** Will the Government be pleased to state the countries in which pension is being paid to those who are in public service?

Rao Bahadur A. Rengaswamy Aiyar (*Financial Secretary to Government*) : So far as is known, pension system is in force in the following countries :—

1. British India.
2. Cochin.
3. Mysore.
4. Travancore.
5. Indore.
6. Kashmir.
7. Hyderabad.
8. Ceylon.
9. Federated Malay States.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai : Sir, the question is—will the Government be pleased to state the countries in which pension is being paid to those who are in public service? I wish to know whether there are any countries where pension is given to those who are in service. (*Laughter.*)

Rao Bahadur A. Rengaswami Aiyar : We knew that the question was not quite correct, but we replied to the spirit of the question.